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MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 2

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of January 9, 2006

III. MPO COMMITTEES UPDATE

- A. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
 - 1. 2005 CTAC Annual Report
- B. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- C. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
- D. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO REVISE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE EASTERN PORT BOULEVARD PROJECT (SEAPORT)

B. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) DESIGNATION

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-DESIGNATION OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS (MPO SECRETARIAT/MDT)

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. CITY OF MIAMI TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT REQUESTS
- B. NW SOUTH RIVER DRIVE CORRIDOR STUDY AREA EXPANSION

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL (TPC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 18-2**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Jose Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson.
The following members were present at the beginning of the meeting:

1. Javier Rodriguez, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
2. Servando Parapar, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)
3. Vivian Villaamil, Miami Dade Public School
4. Gaspar Miranda, Miami-Dade Public Works Department (PWD)
5. Alberto Hernandez, Miami Dade Transit (MDT)
6. Gary Wohlforth, Dade League of Cities
7. Sunil Harman, Miami Dade Airport Department
8. Jeff Geimer, City of North Miami
9. Jose Gonzalez, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM)
10. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
11. Bob Owen, Seaport
12. Lilia Medina, City of Miami
13. Subrata Basu, Planning and Zoning Department

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. San Roman informed the Board that items III.A.2 Citizen's Request and V.C Vanpool Program Status Report are requested to be added to the agenda.

Mr. Parapar moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Mrs. Villaamil seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Geimer moved for approval of the minutes for January 9, 2006 meeting. Mr. Wohlforth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. MPO COMMITTEES UPDATE

A. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

1. 2005 CTAC Annual Report

Mr. Norman Wartman provided the Council with a brief update on CTAC activities. He also provided a brief overview of CTAC 2005 Annual Report. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

2. Citizen's Request: Joe Platnick

Mr. Platnick provided the Council with a presentation on a multi-pronged program to move traffic. He distributed a document that listed suggestions for improving transportation service in Miami-Dade County. *(A copy of this document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

As a result of this presentation, the Council agreed to have appropriate staff contact Mr. Platnick to discuss further the presented suggestions.

B. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report given on this item.

C. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report given on this item.

D. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report given on this item.

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Mr. Rodriguez moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**B. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC)
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Mr. George Azor, MDT Project Manager, provided the Council with a detailed overview of the Miami-Dade Transit's accomplishments as the Miami-Dade County's Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

Mr. Hernandez moved for approval of the resolution. Mrs. Villaamil seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

**A. CITY OF MIAMI TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT REQUESTS**

Mr. Mesa requested clarification on the City of Miami's request to amend the TIP for the I-95 Downtown Ramp Project. He then stated that this project was

originally in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) but was removed during the 2030 LRTP cycle update. He concluded by stating the City needs to submit a request for a LRTP Amendment first. Ms. Medina responded that the City of Miami will resubmit a letter requesting the MPO to amend the LRTP.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that FDOT recommends that this project go before the LRTP committee to receive prioritization before being placed in the TIP.

Mr. Mesa informed Ms. Medina that the City needs to provide justification as to why this LRTP amendment would be considered an 'emergency'. He clarified by stating that any amendment to the plan outside of the October cycle is considered as an emergency and therefore would need to be justified as such.

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Council that FDOT had delayed the resurfacing of 79th Street Corridor until the Preliminary Design & Engineering for the NW/NE Street Project was complete. He then stated that early conclusion of the study stated that there was not much need for capacity on this corridor. He concluded by stating that FDOT recommended a two-prong approach to the City of Miami in an attempt to resolve some of the immediate preservation and enhancements initiatives that have derived from the PD&E study. He further concluded by stating that FDOT recommended that the City of Miami go through the LRTP Planning Committee for prioritization of this project because it impacts a large area of Miami-Dade County.

Ms. Medina stated that the City would resubmit their request clarifying the need for an emergency LRTP amendment for the NW/NE 79th Street Project.

Citizens from the subject area expressed concerns with the delays this project has received from FDOT. They requested the process not to be delayed any further.

Mr. Rodriguez requested for this project to be presented to the Transportation Planning Technical Advisory Committee to obtain direction on the best course of action.

B. NW SOUTH RIVER DRIVE CORRIDOR STUDY AREA EXPANSION

Mr. Melvin Wolf, Attorney for City of Medley, provided the Council with a brief presentation on the NW South River Drive Corridor Study Area Expansion. He concluded his presentation by requesting the Council to recommend endorsement of the presented study short-term recommendations.

Mr. Mesa stated that the City of Medley would need to submit a formal letter to the MPO Secretariat requesting advancement of the projects for formal consideration.

C. VANPOOL PROGRAM: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Jesus Guerra provided a brief status report on the Vanpool Program. He stated that the Program currently has 141 active vanpools in operation in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. He concluded by stating that FDOT is conducting a management study on the program and once it is completed a presentation will be provided to the Council.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Villaamil requested that the Miami-Dade Public School be a part of the PWD early coordination effort. Mr. Miranda agreed to include the Public School on future early coordination correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00 PM